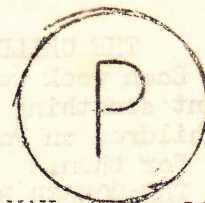




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THIS WEEK

by

PEET the Mynah Bird.

dear folks:

da boss been so busy i hope he never get time for check dis story. doc. sh iolds been get one letta from one store in hOnolulu an dey been tell him one boat is sail for palmyra, da boss say not for print cause not official news but las nite he lis ten on da radio an dey been tell dat one boat whot used belong da army been load during da strike an also been sail Thursday for tahiti an da sout seas. da boss been fix his wire recorder quock an make one recording all da news reports but dey nova say one more word on da boat for tahiti.

da prise story of da week been bout rOy rEdD and da big package he been get in da male. when he get home da misses been tell hoem dat it is da birthday present he been pick out for anada guy an he even writ da check for pay for it. was he burn up/? da nex day he been find out he been pick out hees own birthday present instead of one for da odda folla. an he been pay for et hoemself.

da boss beem get some big package in da male but dey been for da fare an he steel been expect some more in da nex male.

da Fare committies been meet da odda evening an da meetin muss been good cause when da boss been come home for da ice cream da wahines was steel laffin when he got back.

da stockholder in da ole coop been goin have one meetin for settle tings up an got dose checks. Some da folks been be suprise da size of der checks if dey never settle up da bools first. da coop dont owe no money except to da stockholders an it got plenty for pay dem.

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OUR WATER SUPPLY

Here are a few facts that you should know about our water supply on Palmyra.

All of our fresh water is dependant on the rainfall. When there is lots of rain we do not have to worry, but when there is a long dry spell such as we have had the

past two months, things are different. During the months of April and May of last year a total of 23 inches of rainfall was recorded. The total for April and May of this year up to date shows that only 7.63 inches of rain fell on the island.

There are three water storage tanks on Cooper Island and also three smaller receiver tanks which are above ground and can also be used for some storage. On Mong Island there is one concrete and several smaller water tanks plus about three receiver tanks. At the present time the water in all of these tanks is very low. Last Tuesday night there was a heavy rain which was badly needed and helped out a lot, but it was only a drop in the bucket compared to the present consumption.

We have no wells or means of making fresh water, just the rain.

AIRPORT NEWS

When the navy plane arrived Tuesday morning, Mr. Leon C Bruner was the only off loading passenger. He has been down here when we received NO MAIL for weeks. He must have that magic touch because the plane was just loaded with mail for Palmyra and there was even some Xmas packages.

When the plane returned from Samoa it had one of the largest loads of passengers we have seen pass thru on a navy plane.

LATE NEWS

A former Army F.S. boat, which loaded 400 tons of cargo during the stevedores strike in Honolulu, sailed Thursday for Tahiti and the South Seas. The ship is owned by a newly organized Trading Company.

The above is all the information that was given on the radio the other night. The name of the ship was not given.

Robert L. Ripley died Friday.

ILWU rank and file start voting on wheather to return to work while the three man mediation board are meeting. More than 1000 stevedores met at Central Intermediate school, where their strike committee voiced dissapproval of the plan to return to work before the voting started.

THE CHILDRENS COLUMN

Each week we are going to try and present something in this column by one of the children on Palmyra or something especially for them.

THE ROBBER BIRD AND HIS VICTIM.

By

Stuart Menchew.

The Frigate is undoubtedly a robber. He may be seen intercepting his victims, the Booby Bird and sometimes the Terns. By intercepting these Birds and causing them to disgorge some of their fish is where the Frigate obtains the greater supply of his food. Occasionally he picks up fish from the surface of the water. He is not a good fisherman due to his deeply webbed feet.

Frigates rarely alight on the water because of the great difficulty in rising. I have seen a Frigate alight on the water, his wings were stroking upwards steadily. After lifting himself a few inches off the water, the bird started sliding with the wind and slid back in the water. On the second attempt the procedure was about the same but was successful.

The Booby tries his best to avoid his enemy. When attacked by the Frigate or Frigates he manouvers to the best of his ability. On one occasion I have seen a Booby attacked by eight Frigates all at one time. After the poor Booby paid his ransom he was allowed to return to his home base where he should have received the Purple Heart.

Next week we hope to have a story by Pauline Watson.

Dont forget Kiddies The Fair is only two weeks away. Better start getting your pets ready for the BIG SHOW.

FOR THE LADIES.

Coconuts are one of the most valuable most universally known nuts. The husk is used to make mats and also for fuel. The shell is used for containers and cups or small bowls, buttons, ornaments and a variety of novelties. The meat is sold as grated coconut, recently it has been roasted as coconut chips, oil is obtained by drying and then pressing the meat. Butter, Ice Cream and pudding is made from the fresh grated coconut. The coconut water, commonly called coconut milk, is used many places where the water is unsafe to drink. An alcoholic beverage has been made from coconuts and the parts of the tree are just as valuable as the nut.

We are going to present in this column for the next few weeks some receipts on how to use coconuts.

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TOASTED COCONUT CHIPS

From Bulletin 96, University of Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station.

Pierce the eyes and drain liquid from the coconut. Heat coconut in oven for one hour at 300 degrees F. Remove from oven and cool, then tap the surface with a hammer until the shell breaks in pieces. Remove coconut meat in large pieces. It is not necessary to remove the thin brown peeling. Slice very thin and spread on shallow baking pan. Place in oven at 200 degrees for two hours. Then reduce the heat as low as possible to keep the coconut from becoming too brown. Heat at lower temperature for another two hours or longer, stirring several times. Remove from oven, cool, and store in airtight jars in a cool place. Use in place of nuts in cookies, cakes, and candies.

HERE and THERE

The children are not the only ones going to school on Palmyra. Mr. Hansen has a class studying navigation which keeps quite a number of the men busy evenings. The editor with so many packages on his bike, after the mail plane Tuesday morning that he had to walk, also Roy Redd carrying home a KING size package. Mr. Bruner out with the boys to service the plane from Samoa. Waters and Vosgior hitting the high spots as well as the hollows, behind the motor sailor. Stuart with a love tern on his sholder. More pounding sounds from Bob Hall's residence. McEwen fishing to feed the cats. Loud laughter from Violet Pollards Wednesday evening. A happy bunch playing Bingo last Saturday evening. Otto is there anything now on the boat? (read page one.) A picture of J. Alu Head Pupuli on the bulletin board. I always wondered what that guy looked like. Omar on a ladder in the apartment laundry. Steed back in the machine shop again. Dusty Haller playing ping pong. Mom Redd studying damaged tomato plants and wondering what caused the trouble. Mrs. Blommer heading for their hydroponic tank farm. Eugene going down the road with a bow and arrows. The roller and the grader getting new engine covers at the machine shop. Mike counting the days until NC65 returns. Jerry and his boys wiring the new commissary. Concrete forms by the truck load leaving the carpenter shop. New boards appearing on the gas line gang. Doc. Shields busy shooting pictures with his new camera color and all. Poet on the bosses sholder watching the paper being set up and checking to see what is going to be cut out of his story.

Part # 8
 "MRS. ROBINSON CRUSOE"
 by: Idelle S. Meng.

So many people have doubted the story that love-birds balance their eggs on a single branch of a tree that I hesitate to make the statement, but it is never the less a fact. Often the limb is no thicker than one's two fingers; and yet the egg is laid there and the mother bird sits on it till it hatches. The little bird then occupies the limb until it is able to fly out to sea and fish for himself. These birds are very pretty with black beady eyes outlined by white feathers. Not only are their eyes but their beaks and feet are black, so that in contrast with their plumage is very striking. I had often seen these little creatures on ladies winter bonnets, but never knew what kind of birds they were till I went to Palmyra.

The corlew is the only edible bird on the islands and we often trapped them for table use. Two species of tern were found. One of the species is a sooty color, with white spots on his head, and nests in the trees; the other, which nests on the ground is black with white under the body. The latter we referred to as the "evening dress tern" as his white markings were similar to the white shirt front of a gentlemans evening apparel. This "evening dress" fellow furnished us with all the eggs we had while on the islands. They lay by the thousands in colonies on the white sand. In gathering, we broke only one or two and if they were fresh, all of the rest in that section would be the same.

To be continued next week.

Part No. 2

From UNCLE SAM'S ISLETS. By David N. Leff.
 Published in 1940.

The American Guano Company made good its discovery by filing bond with the U.S. in 1860 under the Guano Act of 1856.

Notwithstanding these claims, of which it seemed ignorant, and which were apparently never revived, the Hawaiian Cabinet Council on February 26, 1862, granted one Zenas Bent a commission to take possession of Palmyra Island in the name of King Kamehameha IV. Bent visited the island for this purpose on April 15th of that year. He erected a flagstaff wrapped in the Hawaiian flag and interred at its base a corked bottle containing notice of his act of annexation for the Hawaiian Kingdom. Bent reported to the Hawaiian Department of the Interior on June 16th that he had surveyed Palmyra, ascertained its position, planted some vegetables, built a dwelling and a curing house for

beche-de-mer (note: the sea-slug or tropang a Chinese delicacy, and hence an important article of South Sea island commerce), and left a white man and four Hawaiians to do the curing. The Minister of Interior issued a proclamation of annexation on June 18, 1862.

In 1889 Commander Nichols of H.M.S. "Cormorant" was sailing among the "Line" Islands. Finding Palmyra unoccupied, he claimed it for Great Britain. However, when the U.S. annexed Hawaii in 1898 the report of the Hawaiian Commission to Congress specifically included Palmyra, by virtue of its annexation in 1862.

The Department of the Interior observed that current maps and atlases were calling Palmyra Island a British possession. Five years later British publications were still not agreed as to its status. Charles O. Paullin commented in 1932, "The subsequent continuous occupation of the Palmyra Islands by American citizens has undoubtedly confirmed the American title to these islands."

To be continued next week.

FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD
 The Highlights.

Monday is Decoration Day and will be a Holiday.

There is also a letter or communication from the Station Manager, which concerns each person on the island. Be Sure to read it before it is too late.

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SPORTS and RECREATION

A Bingo game was held last Saturday evening in the Club Room in the Theatre building. If you did not hear about it until the next day, Please Excuse, as it was decided to hold it at the last minute. For your information, there will be another THIS SATURDAY evening at the same place.

Lady LUCK was good to the fishing Watsons, because, Wednesday evening they caught the largest "Lai" that has been seen in these waters. Someday we are going to find out how far Daisy can stretch her arm so that we will be able to measure the fish. This Lai reached from under her chin to the tip of her left hand. The largest fish of this name reach a length of two feet according to the book on Hawaiian Fishes.

The Bicycle riders admitted a new member last week, when Brice Kimberling received his new bike. Reports are that another young man will soon be a full flegged member in the near future.

AKU planing started last Sunday from what one man told us. Waters says that it is also known as aquaplaning, he got sunburned any way.



At a meeting of the Fair Committee Chairmen last Wednesday evening much was accomplished.

It was decided that the money received at the fair would be used to purchase additional playground equipment for the children.

The Fair will be held Sunday Afternoon June 12th. The exhibits will be arranged Sunday morning so as to have them ready for the afternoon.

There will be a fishpond, a small movie show and several other games for you to try your skill. Later in the afternoon there will be a bingo game.

Tickets are to be sold at the door which will be used for all the games except Bingo.

The Committee decided that no prizes will be given for the exhibits but each person given an EXHIBITORS Ribbon.

All entrice blanks must be in the hands of the Committee by June 6th, so that the ribbons can be completed in time, also so that space can be planned.

One of the feature exhibits that we hope to receive in time for the Fair is a collection of Color pictures by Mr. Castor.

A number of the other exhibits that have been promised are going to be well worth seeing.

Get your entries ready and be sure and turn in your entry blank before June 6th. There will be quite a lot of work setting things up so that each exhibit will be properly displayed and to the best advantage.

We will need some men to help out with the games, and some help in setting up the booths for them.

Give a hand and help show the doubters what can be done if we only try.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR YOUR USE IN GIVING SUGGESTIONS OR TELLING US WHAT YOU CAN DO OR WHAT YOU WILL ENTER IN THE EXHIBITS.